COPY Letters from the Governor General to the Vizier, and to Hyder Beg Khân, dated 26th April 1780, relative to the Appointment of Colonel Hannay to the Superintendance of Goruckpore.

To the Nabob Vizier :—Written 26th April 1780.

Co. Cor. 13.

I HAVE learned, with very great Satisfaction, that your Excellency has been pleaſed to reſtore to Major Hannay the Charge of ſuperintending the Diſtricts of Goruckpore, &c. with which you formerly inveſted him. I eſteem this a Mark of your Attention to my original Recommendation of Major Hannay; and from the Abilities, Integrity, and Zeal for your Service, which I know he poſſeſſes, I am perſuaded your Excellency will have no Cauſe to repent the Appointment you have given him. In order, however, that the Intention of this Appointment may not be defeated, and that the Major may not be deprived of the Means of accompliſhing the Service expected from him, it is indiſpenſably neceſſary that your Excellency ſhould not only give him due Authority and Support, but that you ſhould alſo convince him, as well as the immediate Rulers of the Country he has to ſuperintend, and above all the People about your own Perſon and Court, that you place an implicit Faith and Confidence in his Zeal for your Service, and will not ſuffer any Perſon whatever to obſtruct or thwart him in the Execution of it. This is ſo obviouſly neceſſary, that I truſt it is your Excellency's firm Intention to do ſo; and it will be the certain Means of obviating thoſe Difficulties and vexatious Obſtacles, which I underſtand, and have every Reaſon to believe, were oppoſed to the Major's Endeavours, when he was before employed by your Excellency in that Country, to the great Detriment of your Service and Government.

So long as your Excellency obſerves that Line of Conduct towards Major Hannay, I ſhall be very happy to hear of his Continuance in the Office wherein you have placed him; becauſe I am convinced his Labours will be attended with the moſt ſalutary Effects to your Government, and that Degree of Credit and Reputation to himſelf, which, I always flattered, would reſult from my Compliance with your Excellency's Firſt Requiſition of his Services.

It is not my Intention to force, or even to influence your Excellency's Inclinations with reſpect to employing Major Hannay: What may be my Wiſhes on this Head, I do not deſire they ſhould controul your's. The Turn of Major Hannay's Services depend on your Excellency's Pleaſure; all I ſhall contend for is, that while he is employed by your Excellency, he be employed in ſuch a Manner, as not to bring Diſgrace on his own Character, or Diſcredit on my Recommendation.—This is certainly what I have a Right to expect; and I think it neceſſary to declare to your Excellency, that unleſs it is complied with, it will become my Duty to recall Major Hannay altogether from your Service. The perſonal Regard I have for him will not ſuffer me to continue him in any Situation where he is ſubject to unbecoming Treatments; and I think much too highly of his Abilities, to conſent to their being thrown away in an uſeleſs Purſuit.

Your Excellency will not conſider this Letter as written in conſequence of any Repreſentation from Major Hannay: He is not acquainted with writing it; and the Tenor of all the Letters I have received from him ſince his Re-appointment to his former Charge, would encourage me to believe your

your Excellency had determined to purſue that Line of Conduct towards him, which I have now taken the Liberty to recommend. But Major Hannay muſt expect to meet with powerful Oppoſition among the Dependants of your Court, who will naturally view his Appointment, and the Confidence you may be inclined to reſort in him, with Jealouſy and Diſguſt; and their moſt artful Inſinuations will ever be employed to bias your Judgment, and betray you into their intereſted Views. This, I am perſuaded, was the principal Source of all the Vexation and Diſappointment which the Major experienced in his former Endeavours to promote your Excellency's Service; and it is the Deſire I have to guard you againſt ſuch incendiary Deſigns in future, that has induced me to give you this early Declaration of my Sentiments and Expectations on Major Hannay's Appointment.

Bengal Co. Cor. Nº 14.

To Hyder Beg Khân:—Written 26th April 1780.

Having been informed that the Vizier has been pleaſed to reſtore Major Hannay to the Office of ſuperintending the Diſtricts to the River Gogra, I have thought it neceſſary to write to his Excellency, ſignifying Sentiments and Expectations in regard to the Major's Appointment.

As you have a principal Share in conducting the Affairs of the Nabob, and conſequently an Influence with him, I encloſe you a Copy of a Letter to his Excellency on the above Subject, that you may alſo be clearly informed of my Sentiments and Wiſhes; And as it muſt appear to every Man of Underſtanding or Diſcernment that I have recommended nothing but what tends to promote the Intereſt of the Nabob's Government, I do expect from you a willing and hearty Exertion of all your Endeavours to render my Recommendation effectual. You muſt be well acquainted with the Regard I bear Major Hannay; and you may be aſſured that I ſhall conſider every Act of Kindneſs to him as a Teſtimony of your Attention to me.

N° 3.

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